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Report of Audit of Real Estate and Construction Division, 1 May 1983 - 30 June 1985							
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REPORT OF AUDIT
Office of Logistics
Real Estate and Construction Division

For the Period 1 May 1983 - 30 June 1985

#### SUMMARY

Real Estate and Construction Division (RECD) controls and procedures for the custody and use of Agency resources were generally effective and in compliance with applicable regulations during the audit period. This report contains recommendations concerning adjustment of real property records to accurately reflect the total dollar value of the Agency's real property holdings, submission of contract actions to the Office of General Council (OGC) for review, and obtaining contract officers' signatures on Business Justification (BJ) forms. prior audit report noted that the Agency and GSA were in dispute over the standard level user charge (SLUC) for for the last quarter of Fiscal Year 1982 and Fiscal Year During the audit period RECD has been successful in negotiating the level of SLUC payments for Fiscal Year 1984 but negotiations are still in process to establish the Fiscal Year 1985 level of SLUC payment. In view of the continuing efforts of RECD to finalize the amount of SLUC due GSA for Fiscal Year 1985, no recommendation is being made. Other administrative problems were discussed with responsible officials and resolved during the audit.

#### SCOPE

2. The audit included a review of administrative functions to evaluate the effectiveness of internal controls and procedures and to ensure compliance with Agency regulations. Logistical transactions were reviewed to determine whether documentation, including approvals and certifications, was in accordance with applicable regulations and to verify the accuracy of property accounts. Active, in-settlement, and closed RECD contracts were reviewed to determine compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and directives. SLUC billing procedures were also reviewed. Expenditures related to RECD activities are reviewed during the audit of the Office of the Director of Logistics.

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### BACKGROUND

3. RECD advises the Director of Logistics (D/OL) on all matters relative to real estate, construction, and maintenance of Agency facilities; provides qualified personnel for management of such matters for Agency facilities worldwide; furnishes architectural and engineering services in support of Agency requirements; and coordinates the legal, cover, and security aspects incident to real property transactions with appropriate Agency components. At 30 June 1985 there were personnel assigned to the Division.	

#### DETAILED COMMENTS

## Real Property Records

- 5. The Domestic Real Property System should be reprogrammed to provide the summary financial information necessary for the annual total dollar value report (TDVR). Logistics Instruction requires RECD to maintain records for all the Agency's real property holdings and to submit to Office of Finance (OF) by 15 October each year the total dollar value of the Agency's real property holdings.
- 6. In Fiscal Year 1984, RECD developed a new system for controlling the Agency's domestic real property holdings. While this system better serves RECD's needs for tracking and controlling domestic real property, it does not have the capability to summarize the financial data necessary for the TDVR. Consequently, the domestic section of the Fiscal Year 1984 TDVR submitted to OF was not revised from the previous year's total to reflect changes made in the Agency's domestic real property holdings during the year.

Recommendation #1: Reprogram the Domestic Real Property System to provide summary financial information necessary for the annual TDVR.

# OGC Review on Contract Actions

7. RECD had been obtaining OGC review on their original contract actions. However, amendment actions over \$25,000 have not been sent to OGC for review. requires all contract amendments in excess of \$25,000 be reviewed by the OGC prior to execution.

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Recommendation #2: Submit contract ammendments in excess of \$25,000 to the OGC for review.

## Business Justifications

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- 8. Review of a sample of RECD contracts indicated that all the original Business Justifications (BJs) were signed by the contract officer. However, the BJs used to support amendment actions to the original contracts were not signed.
- 9. Procurement Note 108 establishes the policy concerning the contract officer signature on the BJs. The BJ is an official part of the contract file, as such, the contract officers signature on the BJ signifies that he/she has verified that the contract action is proper and all the documentation necessary to support the action is in the contract file.

Recommendation #3: Ensure that all BJs are signed by the contract officer in accordance with Procurement Note 108.